Thursday, October 22, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 11

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (TXMAS) with K-CONN BUILDING SYSTEMS, North Charleston, SC, for Chestnut House Building in the amount of \$463,059 plus a \$46,305.90 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$509,364.90.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

The Chestnut House Building Project consists of constructing a pre-engineered, pre-fabricated metal building at 1183 Chestnut Avenue. The contractor, K-Conn Building System will provide construction services that include site work for foundation installation, plumbing, electrical and mechanical work. The building project replaces the old Chestnut House that had deteriorated to a point that the building had to be demolished. Construction on the project is scheduled to start in mid-October 2009 and completed by January 2010.

This project will benefit the Austin Rosewood Neighborhood area residents and provide office space for city staff. City staff met and worked with the surrounding neighborhood on the building.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 90 working days for completion of this project.

Although this contract is exempted from the MBE/WBE Procurement Program, subcontracting opportunities were identified. The Contractor submitted an MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that demonstrated a Good Faith Effort and was approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.